



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re U.S. Patent Application of</b>	)	
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<b>HIGUCHI</b>	)	<b>Art Unit 3727</b>
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<b>Application Number: 10/624,552</b>	)	<b>Examiner</b>
	)	<b>Grosso, Harry A.</b>
<b>Filed: July 23, 2003</b>	)	
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<b>For: CONTAINER CAPABLE OF KEEPING A</b>	)	
<b>LENGTHWISE CONTRACTED STATE AND</b>	)	
<b>CONTRACTION METHOD THEREOF</b>	)	
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<b>Attorney Docket No. TESJ.0059</b>	)	
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<b>Commissioner of Patents</b>		
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated December 15, 2005, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on March 15, 2006. Please amend the above identified application as follows: